

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) and all U.S. engineering licensure boards are celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of engineering licensure in the United States and as part of this celebration, the South Dakota Board of Technical Professions recognizes the work of NCEES in South Dakota as well as all of the United States; and,

*Whereas*, The state of South Dakota in particular, holds a special place in licensure's history because South Dakota was the twenty-first state to pass a law and create a board for licensing engineers, land surveyors and architects – the board was officially established on July 1, 1925; and,

*Whereas*, A group of five men found that many individuals working as engineers lacked the training to competently carry out their duties and prepared a bill to mandate registration and create a board of examiners. Byron B. Brackett of Vermillion became license number two and accepted the position of first chairman of the board; and,

*Whereas*, NCEES was created in 1920 and today provides leadership in licensure for all member licensing boards in the United States and its territories. It provides excellence through uniformity in laws, licensing standards and professional ethics; develops, produces and scores the only national engineering licensure examinations, guards against exam fraud; and works to facilitate state-to-state licensure mobility:


*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 2007 as


## *ENGINEERING LICENSURE MONTH*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

  
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M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:  
  
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Chris Nelson, Secretary of State